

DIG SAFELY - It's The LAW

An important message to those who perform excavation work



People doing excavation, digging or grading are the most frequent causes of pipeline damage and failures. Whether you are planning to build a major development or landscape your property, you should protect your safety and the safety of those around your work site by notifying our state's One-Call Center before you begin any work on or near a pipeline.

When notified in advance by the One-Call Center, pipeline company personnel will stake the exact location of the pipeline. This is a free service which gives you assurance that your safety will not be compromised and our pipeline will not be damaged.

What is a pipeline right-of-way?

A pipeline right-of-way is the strip of land over a pipeline. The granted land used for public utility authorizing access is an easement. Easements provide us limited access to test, inspect, maintain and protect our pipeline. They must be kept free from structures and obstructions. Please do not plant trees or high shrubs on or near the right-of-way. A gouge, scrape, scratch, dent or crease to a pipe or its coating may cause a future safety problem. It is imperative that the gas company inspect and repair any damage to the pipeline no matter how minor it may seem.



If you damage or hit our company's pipeline - no matter how minor the contact may seem...

CALL THE EMERGENCY NUMBER!
225.647.2841

Signs of a Natural Gas Pipeline Leak

It is important to know how to recognize the signs of a leak if one were to occur in our area. Call immediately if you...

SEE

- Vegetation over or near the pipeline which appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason.
- Water bubbling at a creek, pond, river or any wet area.
- Dirt being blown or appearing thrown into the air.
- Fire or explosion near or involving the pipeline.
- Exposed pipeline which may have been caused by a natural disaster.

HEAR

- A hissing, whistling or roaring sound along the pipeline right-of-way.

SMELL

- A "rotten egg" odor.
- Natural gas is usually colorless and odorless. The chemical mercaptan is added to natural gas to produce this smell.



DO's When Suspecting a Gas Leak

- If there is equipment in the area of a natural gas leak, leave it alone. Do not turn off the ignition or attempt to move it.
- Leave the area immediately and warn others to stay away.
- Once away from the pipeline, call the provided.



DO NOT's When Suspecting a Gas Leak

- DO NOT use an open flame or bring anything into the area that could cause the gas leak to ignite (phones, lighters, etc.).
- DO NOT go near the area. Keep other untrained individuals away from the emergency site.
- DO NOT attempt to shut off any valves, extinguish any fires, turn on/off lights, use telephones, etc.

Why am I receiving this pipeline safety information?

The operator has underground natural gas pipelines in our area. We are providing this safety information as part of our public awareness program to those who live and work in the vicinity of our facilities. Please share this information with others.

What is Natural Gas?

Natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel. It moves silently, safely and efficiently through an extensive network of interstate pipelines in the United States. Our pipeline company is part of that network.

Below are some reassuring facts about natural gas:

- Natural gas is not a poison or toxic.
- Natural gas is colorless and odorless in its natural state.
- Natural gas will not ignite on its own. In order to burn gas requires both a precise amount of oxygen and an ignition source.
- Natural gas is lighter than air and will rise and diffuse rapidly.



Scratch and Sniff

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